## The appointment of the X-Ray Expert in the Ernakulam General Hospital.

**Dr A. G. MENON** (*Tattamangalam*).

**8.** Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there was an additional Civil Surgeon in the General Hospital, Ernakulam, at any time before the 21st of March 1925?

(b) whether there was any immediate necessity or any other special reason for creating such an appointment this year?

(c) whether the Government had advertised for persons possessing the requisite qualifications before making the appointment?

(d) whether the Government has made any provision for creating such an appointment in the Budget for the current year?

**DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE** (*Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.*)

(a) No.

(b) Yes. Work in the Ophthalmic Hospital had considerably increased and a special medical officer was necessary to cope with the increased work. Further the X-ray apparatus ordered for the General Hospital had to be worked and it was of advantage to the Darbar to appoint one officer with the required training for the combined X-Ray and Ophthalmic work.

(c) No. Government considered that there was no necessity for it.

(d) No. Necessary provision has been made by re-appropriation.

**Dr. A. G. MENON** (*Tattamangalam*).

Will the Government be pleased to state what special training the officer appointed had?

**DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE** (*Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer*).

As regards X-ray training, he underwent a course of special training at Guy's Hospital in London for a period of about 9 months, and he possesses a certificate from the Superintendent of that institution, who was also Superintendent of the X-ray department,

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to say that he is qualified in that branch. As regards speciality of eye, he had not claimed any special training in London. He possesses an English University Degree. He has paid special attention to the practice of eye diseases.

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## The Speech of the Deputy President on the inauguration of the Council.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA (*Landlords*).

**9.** Will the President or the Deputy President of the Council be pleased to state, as to who authorised the latter to speak on behalf of the Council without consulting it, on the opening day of the Council ?

Mr. T. K. KRISHNA MENON (*Secretary to the Legislative Council.*)

In accordance with the practice obtaining elsewhere, the President authorised the Deputy President to speak on the occasion.

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Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA (*Landlords*).

**10.** (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the speech of the Deputy President, delivered on the opening day, was printed in the Government Press before delivery ?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state as to who paid the expenses for its printing.

Mr. T. K. KRISHNA MENON (*Secretary to the Legislative Council.*)

(a) All works connected with the Legislative Council are printed in the Government Press and no exception is made with regard to this.

(b) No answer is called for, in view of the answer to 10 (a).

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA (*Landlords*).

Will the Government be pleased to state whether the same privilege will be extended to the other members of this Council ?

Mr. T. K. KRISHNA MENON (*Secretary to the Legislative Council.*)

Each case would be considered on its merits.

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